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MULES WILL DRAW CLARK'S CHARIOT

Suggested as Joke, Plan Now Is Taken Seriously.

HANDSOME SPAN PRESENTED HIM.

Such Mules as Washington Never Saw Before Will Take Next Speaker to Capitol for His Triumphal Entry—Mrs. Clark Declares He Must.

BY JOHN TEMPLE GRAYSON.

Washington, D. C., December 17.—With the Democratic occupation a fixed fact for the idea of March, Champ Clark looms in Congress as the focal and foremost figure of the triumphal Democracy.

The gallant Missourian seems to be slated for the speakership practically without opposition. Talk of opposing candidates is sporadic and indefinite. Mostly from affection, but largely from a sense of the uselessness of opposition, the leader of the present minority seems to have a walkover for the third office in the republic.

Long years of fidelity, a patient courage in defeat, consistent championship and unflinching cheerfulness in the gloomy days of the party appear to have reaped their due reward in the practical unanimity with which Mr. Clark will win the first fruits of the first congressional victory which the Democrats have known in sixteen years.

For this reason the representative of the Ninth Missouri becomes the center of gossip, of rumor and of anecdote. A group of Democratic Congressmen, lunching in the House restaurant Tuesday afternoon, agreed that the first Democratic speaker since Charles C. Clay of Georgia, ought to celebrate the resumption of the gavel by his party in some thoroughly Democratic and impressive way.

Sold for the Mules.
In discussing what the new Democratic speaker should do to indicate the ideals of an earlier simplicity, the group of Democratic partisans revived with great enthusiasm the proposition that the big Missourian should ride to his preferment behind the magnificent pair of Missouri mules which Luke Emerson, of Bowling Green, has presented to him for that event.

It was the consensus of opinion among the big dozen men that the thing would more fully illustrate the unpretending simplicity of the genuine patriot, or better yet, the dominant spirit of the great State from which he came, than the Champ Clark surmounting the Missouri mules.

It was the length and sturdiness of the Missouri mules, and the furrows from which arise the waving corn which enriched the granaries of the West, that made those tireless energy carriers the product of the farms to the railroad station, or to the distributing centers about these fertile lands. It is the size, rather than the horse, so linked to Missouri agriculture that the two are twins.

Under the first thoughtless and irrelevant treatment of the subject, Mr. Clark felt impelled to deny he had declared his intention to ride down the avenue in this democratic chariot. But the Democratic majority, reveling in triumph and fairly riotous in good nature and fun, decided that the next speaker would have this much to the glory of Congress and to the spirit of the times.

Mrs. Clark Enthusiastic.
Mrs. Clark, with a splendid split into the wholesome idea, and declares her intention to see that her gallant husband, who, not being a senator, has failed to secure the civil and religious liberty in political matters, will yield to her feminine will in the program which his available means have prescribed.

So as the joint product of Democratic simplicity and of domestic persuasion, it may be set down as a fixed fact that the coming speaker will drive Luke Emerson's mules down the historic avenue, which never saw the like, or the equal of these splendid animals before.

The Emersons are typical Missourians of the stalwart and bravest breed of the virile West. They are men of nerve, of daring enterprise, of swift and vigorous friendships and of boundless generosity. There are two of them, Luke, the elder Emerson, and George, his younger brother. Luke is the owner of the greatest donkey farm in all the West, and perhaps in all the world.

Remarkable to relate, the proprietor of the greatest donkey farm in all the world is not a Democrat, as he ought in every political suggestion to be, but is a stalwart Republican, with not even a baby elephant to show the donkeys how they ought to grow.

A long time ago George, the younger brother, survived the tragic end of a personal difficulty and Champ Clark, the leading lawyer of Bowling Green, saw him faithfully through the troubles of the triumphant vindication. This turned the Emerson spirit for the first time softly toward the dauntless Missourian, whose own record has some stern and eventful features, filled with scars and serious days of a less peaceful Missouri.

Slew Apache Chief.
Just before the World's Fair at St. Louis, Luke Emerson, the Republican proprietor of the donkey farm, to which mules had been added as an incidental feature, grew tired of the Missouri solitude, and went to Europe. Sauntering one night through the outer suburbs of Paris, a trio of thugs, whom the Parisians call "Apaches," attempted to hold up Mr. Emerson for his money.

VARIOUS SCHEMES BEING DISCUSSED

Republicans Plan to Meet Direct Vote Resolution.

WOULD AVOID SQUARE FIGHT

By Inserting Amendment That Will Turn Southerners Against It, They Hope to Defeat Measure—Fight for Right of State to Decide Suffrage.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, D. C., December 17.—According to gossip about the Senate various schemes are being talked over among the Senate leaders who are opposed to the amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the election of Senators by direct vote.

A subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee has decided to report to the full committee a resolution which Senator Haynes has prepared providing for the submission to the State Legislatures of such an amendment. The old Republican leaders are trying to outflank this amendment and beat it, if by indirect means. They do not want it to come to a square test on the Senate floor, fearing that it will carry.

One proposition now being considered is, when the resolution comes up on the floor as it is certain to do, either on a favorable or adverse report, to offer an amendment that will provide that a senatorial candidate to be elected must obtain not a majority of the votes cast, but a majority of the votes of the whole male population.

Such an amendment would strike at the Southern States. Adoption of such an amendment would turn the Democratic votes against the resolution and defeat it.

Senator Bacon and other Southerners are determined to oppose any bill or amendment that will deprive the States of declaring who shall be qualified to vote in an election for Senator.

Room for Taney.
Washington, December 17.—A room for Representative James A. Taney, of Minnesota, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, for the governorship of the Isthmian Canal Zone, has been started in the House today.

Mr. Taney was elected to the House in 1908. Both Republican and Democratic members have expressed themselves in favor of the President's recognition of Mr. Taney's service in some appropriate office.

Representative Burleson, of Texas, a Democrat, who is a candidate for the chairmanship of the committee in the next House, said today that Mr. Taney would have his endorsement for any office, and that the Minnesota House at the head of the committee has on expenditures of \$900,000 annually, was leaving Congress a poor man.

Wants Budget Committee.
Washington, December 17.—For the purpose of limiting appropriations by Congress to the amount actually in the Treasury, Representative Sherley, of Kentucky, introduced a resolution in the House today providing for a Committee on Estimates and Expenditures.

The committee, as proposed by Mr. Sherley, is to be in substance a budget committee, which will consider the amount of available revenue and the amount of expenditures for the various branches of the government, and systematically prune down estimates until they come within the available funds.

The Sherley resolution provides for committee to include the chairman, four ranking majority members, respectively, of the Ways and Means Committee and the Appropriations Committee, and the chairman and one ranking minority member each from the other committees which pass upon appropriation bills. In this way all committees having to do with raising or appropriating revenues would have representation on the budget committee.

"By this rule," said Mr. Sherley, "I hope to provide a method whereby the House may be able to effect a real saving of money, and to bring the House into line with the Senate in its attitude toward the country's expenditures. To my mind, it is humiliating to representatives that the country should be dependent upon and look to the activities of the President for a curtailment of governmental expenditures."

The resolution was sent to the House Committee on Rules for consideration. A budget committee along somewhat similar lines, known as the Committee on Public Expenditures, was created by the Senate two years ago, but it has not actually taken up the work of passing upon all congressional appropriations.

Many Informers Busy.
Washington, December 17.—The revenue of \$100,000,000 a year for the disclosure of the frauds practiced on the customs service by the American Sugar Refining Company at its New York factory, has been reported to Congress by the Treasury Department, and the House of Representatives has been compelled to ask for a large appropriation for this purpose.

In asking for a deficiency appropriation of \$90,000, Assistant Secretary of the Senate, Mr. Clegg, said that more money is needed owing to an increased number of informers now in the service.

TAFT HAS SPOKEN; SILENCE REIGNS

War Department Will Say Nothing About Dickinson's Report.

COAST STATES PREPARE TO ACT

Western Representatives Will Make Concerted Effort to Secure Proper Coast Defenses. Action of Congress on Nation's Unpreparedness for War Problematical.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, D. C., December 17.—An impasse has been reached between the conflicting elements in the country-wide agitation over the state of the national defenses.

Secretary of War Dickinson today advised Congress, by direction of the President, that "it is not compatible with the public interests for me at this time to make a report answering in detail the questions embodied in the (McLachlan) resolution."

The immediate consequence of this will be a concerted effort on the part of the representatives of the Pacific Coast States to secure at once sufficient appropriations to provide for docking facilities, submarine, improved and increased coast defenses for the Pacific.

Representative Hayes, of California, speaking for the coast representatives, outlined this plan to The Times-Dispatch correspondent this afternoon, shortly after Secretary Dickinson's letter to Speaker Cannon, declining to make public the information requested, was received at the Capitol.

Ignores Publicity.
Secretary Dickinson's position is that everything pertaining to the nation's defenses and the needs of the situation that can properly be made public is contained in the annual reports of the War Department, which have already been submitted to Congress. He ignores the fact that from half a dozen different sources the matter, which is technically termed "confidential," has become public property and lacks only a formal report to Congress to make it official.

Whether, lacking this official stamp of approval, Congress will elect to ignore the whole matter—or take only those steps that were in contemplation before the agitation was begun—remains to be seen.

At the War Department today there was absolute silence following the letter of Secretary Dickinson to Speaker Cannon. None of the bureau chiefs, all of whom are trained soldiers and practical fighting men, have changed their views, but whatever else may be lacking in the service, it is strong on discipline. Through the Secretary of War, the commander-in-chief has spoken, and there is nothing more to be said.

It may be interesting, however, to reflect upon the parting shot of one confidential source who had his confidential say this afternoon.

"Vain, Hopeful People."
"We are vain, hopeful people," said he. "It is a national characteristic for us to boastfully to assert that we can lick any nation on earth, and do it when the odds are against us. We are preparing. Likewise, we have short memories. When the war with Spain came we started in to prepare with enthusiasm, because of our lack of preparedness we lost five men by sickness in camps far from the theatre of war, to every man lost in action. In the one case matter of care of our men, we were absolutely unprepared that typhoid and dysentery carried off more men than the enemy. We are paying thousands in pensions for soldiers who never got into the line, but the hospitals at Manila took care of them."

"We had about 400,000 men under arms in that war. Japan had 1,500,000 under arms in her war with Russia, and in actual numbers her sick list was smaller with her 1,500,000 to care for than ours with only 400,000 to care for. That's preparedness."

Dickinson's Letter.
The letter of Secretary Dickinson was addressed to Speaker Cannon and was in reply to a letter from the Speaker regarding the secretary's confidential report on the ground that the House of Representatives could not receive any reports in confidence. Secretary Dickinson's letter follows:

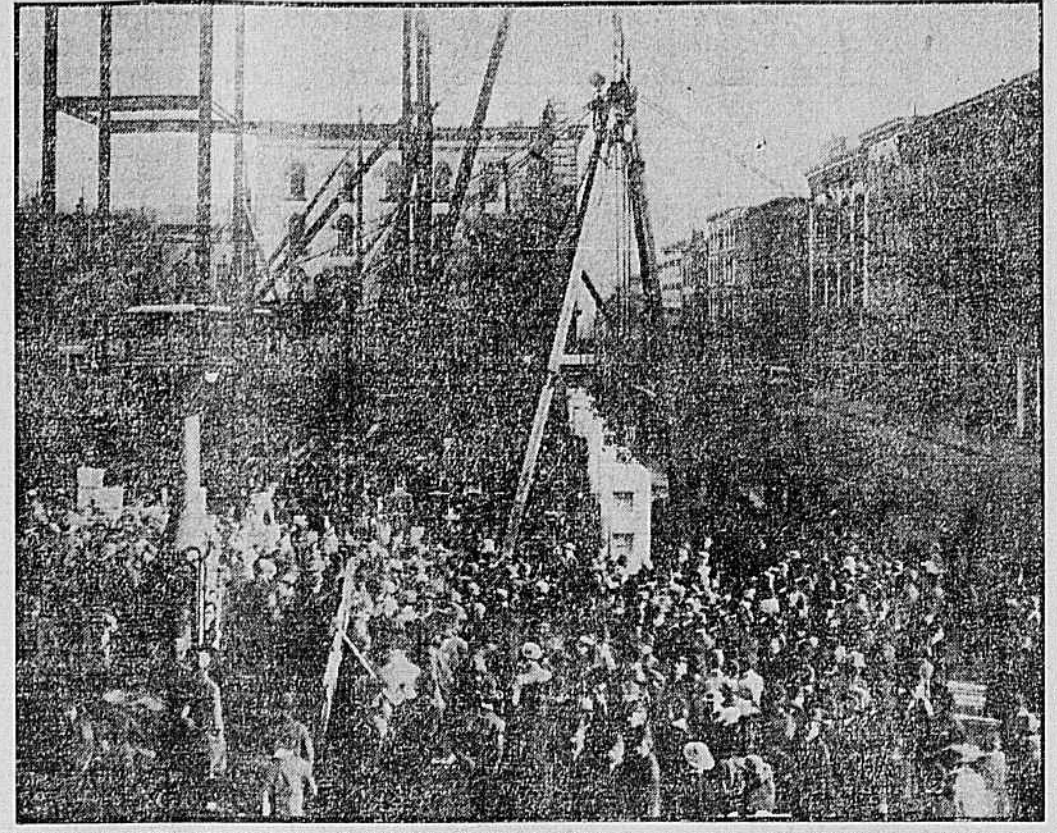
"Washington, D. C., December 17.—"Sir.—In reply to your letter of December 14th, returning my report of that date on House resolution No. 707, I beg to say that all of the facts which it is deemed proper should at this time proceed from the Secretary of War already have been submitted to Congress and the reports accompanying them. Inasmuch as you have returned to me my reply of December 14, 1910, with the appendices thereto attached marked 'confidential,' I am advised that it is practically impossible for you to treat the matters therein contained as confidential, by direction of the President I respectfully say that it is not compatible with the public interest for me at this time to make a report answering in detail the questions embodied in the resolution."

"Very respectfully,
"J. M. DICKINSON,
"Secretary of War."
Hon. Joseph Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

In the situation which has arisen with regard to the conditions of the national defense it is in the Pacific Coast section that the greatest uneasiness is felt.

"We have been getting it going and coming in our efforts to secure protection," said Representative Hayes, of California. "When we try to get legislation excluding the Japanese and other Asiatics we are warned that our efforts and agitation of the subject may lead to a war. The Japanese may have their feelings hurt and become incensed. When we ask for a fleet and

DEPOSITING BOX IN STONE



MASONIC OFFICERS OFFICIATING AT LAYING OF CORNERSTONE OF NEW POST-OFFICE. PHOTO FROM TIMES-DISPATCH BUILDING.

MAURETANIA OFF ON HER LAST TRIP

Giant Cunarder Will Play Santa Claus to the British Isles.

NEW RECORD IS ASSURED

Only Accident to Machinery Can Prevent New Figures for Round Trip.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

New York, December 17.—When the giant Cunarder Mauretania pulled out of her dock at the foot of West Fourteenth Street, promptly at 6 o'clock this evening, she started on the last lap of what will be, if carried to a successful consummation, a record-breaking feat in the history of ocean travel.

In a little less than thirty-eight hours this 32,000-ton, quadruple screw turbine, disgorge over a thousand tons of freight and baggage, a big passenger list and nearly 6,000 sacks of Christmas mail; cleaned house thoroughly, took aboard over 6,000 tons of coal, a thousand tons of cargo, 1,300 passengers, nearly 4,000 sacks of mail, and enough food to supply the British army for a week. She steamed away with every inch of brass freshly polished, the outward scars of her rough voyage over carefully painted away, her decks immaculate and every piece of linen aboard fresh washed and ironed. She could not have been better.

The Mauretania got a send off in keeping with the importance of the trip she is making this time. There were over 2,000 people on the pier. Many came to see hundreds of, but fully a half came out of curiosity. The cheers that they sent up when the steamer started to pull slowly out into the stream could be heard blocks away. Ferry boats and tug boats took up the second cause and the Mauretania got away to a deafening din.

DEATH ROLL IS FOUR

Police and Burglars Fight Fought Battle.

London, December 17.—The death roll resulting from a fight between the police and burglars in a London house last night now totals four. This house was occupied by the burglars, who were attempting to make their way into a jewelry store at 119, Roudsitch, when they were surprised by the police. A fierce exchange of shots followed, and Sergeant Tucker was killed on the stairway. Sergeant Bentley and Constable Choate were fatally wounded, and died in a hospital today. While one of the assailants of the police died in a Whitechapel bake shop late this afternoon. The latter was taken to the hospital early this morning in a taxicab with his head heavily bandaged. He died without regaining consciousness, and was identified as the man who shot Tucker.

The occupants of the bake shop, including several men and one woman, were arrested. They are believed to be the persons who rented the house on Cutler Street, which backed on the jewelry store. The proprietor of this store is Harry Harris, and he said that previous stones to the value of \$100,000 were in the vaults.

An examination of the premises showed that the burglars, unheeded by the police, had entered the vaults beneath the Harris store and within a few hours would probably have been in possession of the booty.

POPE WILL PROTEST

At Consistory He Will Solemnly Reaffirm Rights of Holy See.

Rome, December 17.—At a consistory to be held early in March, the Pope will deliver an important allocution of protest at the loss of temporal power and territorial integrity by the Holy See. He will solemnly reaffirm the rights of the Holy See in Rome.

The allocution will notify Catholics everywhere and heads of states, not to be persons who, during the public celebration of Italian unity in 1911, the Austrian, Spanish and Belgian governments have formally assured the Vatican on this point.

It is not thought that any state diplomatically represented at the Vatican will disregard the protest, which is merely intended to guard against the possibility of the Holy See's silence being interpreted as tacit consent to the present situation.

SANER COUNSELS ARE PREVAILING

There Is No Longer Any Talk of Parnellite Home Rule.

ELECTIONS ARE OVER

Parties in New House of Commons Same as in Old.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

London, December 17.—With the exception of a few personal changes, the new House of Commons will be the same as the old. If the results in six districts yet to be declared repeat the election of January, the old predominant parties, the Liberals and Unionists, will have four members and one member less, respectively, than they did in the late Parliament, making them exactly equal, if the Speaker, who is elected as a Unionist, is included.

These seats have gone to the government allies, Labor having added three to its numerical strength, while Redmond comes back with two followers more than he did earlier in the year.

With the elections over, saner counsels are prevailing, and there is no longer talk of Parnellite home rule. The Liberal policy is now confined to self-government for Ireland, subject to the control of the Imperial Parliament.

On the other hand, the responsible Unionists admit that the government has received a mandate for a Parliament bill which would abolish the veto power of the House of Lords.

The general belief is that the Unionist leaders will in the end accept the bill, and thus drag the King into the party arena.

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CORNERSTONE FOR NEW POST-OFFICE

Imposing Masonic Ceremonies Mark Significant Event.

MONTAGUE IS ORATOR OF DAY

Contractor Entertains Two Hundred Guests at Luncheon—Expects to Have Federal Building Completed Within One Year—Contents of Cornerstone.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

By the pouring out of corn and nourishment, wine of refreshment and oil of joy and gladness, the cornerstone of the new building for the United States government in Richmond was laid yesterday afternoon according to the impressive ritual of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry, the stone being placed by Dr. W. P. Mathews, master of Meridian Lodge, No. 284. A luncheon, tendered by Contractor J. Henry Miller to more than 200 guests followed at the Business Men's Club, where addresses were made.

On account of the midwinter weather, former Governor Andrew Jackson Montague, abridged his remarks in the open air, but spoke later at the luncheon, as did Mayor Richardson, Governor Mann, Contractor Miller, Commissioner of Internal Revenue Royal E. Cabell, City Attorney Henry R. Pollard, Attorney-General Samuel W. Williams and Ben F. Owen.

Flotish in One Year.
Contractor Miller announces that from present appearances, and if plans are not altered by the government supervising architects, the new post-office, custom house and Federal courthouse will be ready for occupancy within a year, the estimate before the contract was awarded having been that the government officials would probably not enter their new home before 1919.

Meridian Lodge, No. 284, headed by a brass band and accompanied by Richmond Commandery and St. Andrew Commandery, Knights Templar, marched on the Masonic Temple, accompanied by many Blue Lodge Masons of other lodges to the site of the cornerstone laying was done through with in due form in the presence of a very large audience, considering the freezing weather. The immense stone, weighing several tons, was hoisted into place by the powerful Master Mathews made his proclamation to the South, to the West and to the East. After due ceremony, including prayer and the singing of the Ode to Free Masonry, Secretary C. A. Nesbit produced a copybook, in which were placed the following contents for perpetual preservation:

Contents of Box.
Badge United Confederate Veterans, Richmond 1907, given by John F. Mayer.
Note for \$10 issued by State of Georgia, issued April 6, 1864, by John F. Mayer.
Catalogue A. B. Clarke & Son, by G. Harvey Clarke.
Statement regarding the organization of a business done by the Richmond post-office, by William McKim Marriot, cashier.

List of subcontractors on building, deposited by J. Henry Miller.
Copies of Times-Dispatch and list of owners and editors.
Receipt for rent of post-office box No. 547, January 1, 1907, by W. McKim Marriot, cashier.
Receipt for rent of post-office box No. 437, October 1, 1866, by R. A. Paine.

By Wm. A. Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., adopted May 17, 1905.
Regular Democratic ticket, election Tuesday, November 6, 1908.
Bill lading dated Petersburg, Va., March 17, 1905, by T. C. Walford, collector of delinquent taxes, city of Richmond.

Historical sketch and by-laws Masonic Lodge, No. 13, 1901, by John B. Welch, past master of lodge.
Original hand-wrought mail, taken from building of Lodge No. 13, erected in 1792, the oldest Masonic building in America.

Business card, J. Henry Miller (Inc.), by Miss L. Agnes Burks, bookkeeper for firm; business card of Haswell R. Williams, chief engineer; business card of John H. Eizen, district manager in America.

Proceedings Grand Lodge of Virginia, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, 1910, by Charles A. Nesbit, secretary.
Square made from one of the original pieces of timber taken from the hall of Richmond Randolph Lodge, No. 19, A. F. & A. M., erected 1785, deposited by Worshipful C. P. Eldridge, master.

Christmas greetings from St. John's Commandery, No. 1, Providence, R. I., December, 1910, deposited by Worshipful Frank W. Cunningham, P. G. C. of Virginia.

Badge of Stone Masons' Union, deposited by foreman of contracting force.
Laid With Due Ceremony.
The box containing these articles was placed in a receptacle under the stone, which was then slowly lowered into position, the most massive piece of cut granite in the building, and one of the largest ever used in building construction in this city. With the square, the level, the plumb and the trowel the various officers of the lodge performed their office, whereupon the marshal reported that he had examined the stone and found it true and trusty and duly laid, as tested by the ancient implements of Freemasonry. The master then testified that the craftsmen had faithfully and skillfully performed their duty and declared the cornerstone to be well formed, true and trusty and accurately laid according to the principles of Masonic art. The impressive ceremonies of consecration followed, with the pouring out of corn and wine and

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